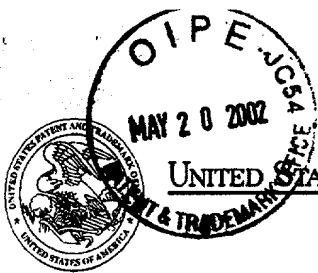


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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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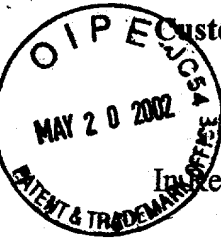
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Application No.: 10/002,811

Filed: November 2, 2001

For: Punch Device For Creating A Guide  
Notch In A Polymeric Fastener  
Attached To A Plastic Package

Atty. Docket No.: 47097-01100

Examiner: Not Assigned

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Attn: Box Missing Parts, Washington, D.C. 20231, on May 6, 2002.

Signature: Janet L. Newmaker  
Janet L. Newmaker

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the "Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application" mailed on December 21, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed. The shortened statutory period for response is two months from the mailing date, i.e., by February 21, 2002. A Petition for a three (3) month extension of time is submitted herewith, extending the time period for response to May 21, 2002.

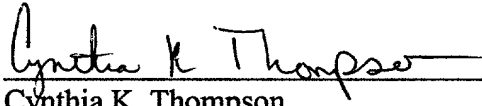
An unexecuted Declaration was filed with the application. Accordingly, enclosed is the original Declaration which has been executed by the inventor.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84, enclosed are five (5) sheets of formal drawings (FIGS. 1-8) which should replace the originally filed drawings.

Enclosed is Check No. 67399 in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge for late filing of the executed Declaration. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47097-01100). A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 6, 2002

  
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